

May 26, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
Chairman Julius Genachowski  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to you today because I strongly believe the proposed T-Mobile/AT&T merger could be tremendously helpful for economic development and business success, particularly in less urban communities like ours. The outcome of the merger is expected to bring high-speed broadband to nearly every corner of the country, including less urban and most rural areas, and it is expected to occur much faster would be possible without the merger. High-speed Internet access would bring with it many opportunities for professional advancement, business development, and educational achievement. This technology would improve the quality of life for our community, our small businesses, our families, and our children.

I am a past Chairman and current Board member of the Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce in Snohomish County, some 30 miles north of Seattle. This community is dominated by small businesses, which is reflected in the membership of the Chamber.

Fast, reliable wireless broadband would even change the way we serve our area communities here at the Chamber: We already provide networking events, and broadband could allow us to offer online networking opportunities. We also provide workshops and classes on a variety of important issues, and fast, cutting-edge communications technology could allow us to offer webinars and teleconferences as well. This technology presents many opportunities for our business community as well as new tools we can use to develop and serve these communities. Even the small businesses that typify our membership need modern, high capacity telecommunications to stay competitive.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment on this proposed merger, and I hope you will carefully consider my views. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Al Aldrich,  
Past Chairman  
Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce

CC:  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell